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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation created by the taking of hostages
in Teheran

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the declaration made by the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation on 10 April 1980 in Lisbon,
 - noting the statement made to the European Parliament on 15 April by the President-in-Office of the Council,
1. Stresses vigorously and categorically reaffirms, as declared in the resolutions adopted by the European Parliament on 16 November 1979¹ and 14 April 1980² and by the Security Council of the UN and the Court of Justice, that:
 - any taking of hostages is totally unacceptable as it clearly infringes elementary principles of humanity and the respect of the most fundamental rights of the individual;
 - respect for the inviolability of diplomatic missions is one of the most compelling obligations of human rights;
 2. Demands that the American hostages be handed over immediately to the Iranian authorities for release without delay; proposes, in order to assist in achieving such a solution while respecting the sovereignty of Iran and international law, that a delegation from the European Parliament be sent to the Iranian capital;
 3. Recalls the resolution of the European Parliament of 18 January 1979³ which condemned violations of human rights committed under the imperial régime and affirmed the inalienable right of Iran to exploit its natural resources primarily in the interests of its people and of social justice and to exercise sovereignty without external interference and in a spirit of respect for human rights;
 4. Warns against the danger of fanaticism and the unacceptability of any form of pressure linked with the supply of oil products and suggests in this connection that the Community urgently introduces a plan to protect present and future energy supplies;

¹ OJ No. C 303, 10.12.79, p. 61

² OJ No C

³ OJ No. C 39, 12.2.79, p. 52

5. Welcomes the moderation shown so far after 170 days of imprisonment of the hostages, by the Government and the people of the United States and appeals to the good sense of all the parties involved to ensure that a solution is found by peaceful means only;
6. Stresses the need for the European Community to adopt a joint position in this matter and to deploy all the resources of its diplomacy;
7. Draws attention to the unpredictable consequences of a refusal to release the hostages and appeals to the spirit of interdependence of all the peoples concerned;
8. Calls upon the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation
 - (a) to inform the Political Affairs Committee of the European Parliament of the results of the mission to Teheran of the Ambassadors of the Nine and of any action taken thereafter;
 - (b) to decide on gradual political actions designed to highlight the resolve of the Member States to secure the release of the hostages;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the European Council, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, the Council, the Commission, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Iran's ambassadors to the nine Member States.

JUSTIFICATION FOR URGENT PROCEDURE

The situation which has arisen in Teheran, in the Middle East and throughout the world justifies this motion for a resolution, particularly following the statements made by the President of the United States on European television.

